

FLL District Events and State Tournament

MORT gives back to FIRST by hosting and volunteering at local FLL events. MORT members volunteer as referees for district events in Chester and Mount Olive, New Jersey. In the FLL Mount Olive District event, MORT members volunteered as maintenance staff, team guides, referees, and hosts!

Each year MORT also hosts the New Jersey FLL State Tournament at our high school. This event gives our team the opportunity to demonstrate to people throughout our state about robotics and FIRST. Hundreds of children and adults attend this fun and engaging tournament. For many this is their first experience of the type of competition. Young and old become excited about robotics, science and technology as they learn about the different robots teams and designs, Children's interests are figured and they want to know how they can be a part of this fascinating program. This event strongly influence many of these young students to join a FIRST team throughout state.

This year, MORT partnered with BedTime Math, a nonprofit organization focused on mathematics for young children. As the FLL State tournament took place, BedTime Math set up camp in our High School Commons, displaying interactive math puzzles for kids not old enough for the FLL age. This partnership was a great way to invoke STEAM in younger generations and **even sustain** MORT by keeping kids in our community passionate and educated on STEAM.

